> He seems to be very quiet and will not speak. He lies perfectly still with his head covered up, at other times smiles in a silly way and says, "I do not know."

The man later revealed that he had enlisted about 2 years ago in the 20th Battalion at North Bay. He was diagnosed on Christmas Day as a case of "Catatonic Dementia Praecox." By February of 1917 he was thought to be recovering, although (according to Dr. Clare) he would laugh and smile "without cause."

He was out on probation to a sister from February to March of 1917. He returned to the Asylum and was transferred to Whitby in June of 1917. Clare writes that they thought "the outdoor life" might help him. A visit from "a coloured woman, claiming to be his sister," did not do him any good. Dr. Forster believed that, apart from the Dementia Praecox, there was "some slowly dementing process going on."

The refrain in letters from his family is his silence, and his tendency to run away. On August 26, 1917, his sister reported that "he got away on us one day walked about 2 miles before we could get him back." On July 4, 1918 he was returned to the Toronto Asylum. Dr. Forster's opinion must have been right, for Dr. Clare notes on November 17, 1918, that he

> is degenerating noticeably. He is filthy in his habits and generally restive in his attitude. He still takes his food, however, with some persuasion.

On October 2, 1918 he was finally discharged. Then he seems to disappear. The Superintendent wrote his sister on August 11, 1920, that he "left this hospital ... in care of his brother. We have no record of him since that date."

The case of a 33 year old Roman Catholic is similarly opaque. Dr. Vrooman writes on his "Statement" of December 11, 1917, that he is

> erratic, has delusions and hallucinations -- is restless, will sit for hours singing. Is inclined to be violent and excited.

According to the "Clinical Record" he had served with the Royal Engineers during the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, and had subsequently been "wandering from place to place as an ordinary labourer or as a sailor."